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To Whom It May Concern~

Having just learned of the DWR's intention to provide about half the funding for the implementation of the SVIRWM plan, I am very dismayed. Apparently, this implementation plan flunked the grant process (or very nearly did) and yet the DWR is willing to over-ride this assessment. May I remind you that there has not been anywhere near full input by many affected parties..this includes me AND the entire cities of Chico and Oroville. HELLO...?

And who claims there is a water shortage anyway? Did not the state itself say in 2005 that water use will likely decline in the next 25 years even with an increase in population? And did not the Pacific Institute report that water use could lessen and the state still maintain a vibrant economy? So, wuddup?

Not to mention that the the assessments of flow conditions, existing conditions of the aquifer, estimates of conditions during prolonged droughts are inadequate. This alone makes any proposal to extract water premature.

This plan does NOT represent the public interest. It was not developed with grassroots support and too few stakeholders were consulted. This water belongs to all of us and our lives and livelihoods would be affected for generations if extraction were implemented for the short term financial benefit of a few.

Please do not fund or partially fund the SVIRWM implementation plan. It is not good for the county, the economy, the environment, or the citizenry.

Thank you for reading.

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